

VI. REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 8-12 are pending in this application. By this amendment, the title, the specification, the abstract, FIG. 1 of the drawings, and claims 1-3, 5 and 8-9 have been amended; claims 4 and 6-7 have been cancelled; and new claims 11 and 12 have been added. Those amendments and these remarks are being made to facilitate early allowance of the claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR §1.84(p)(4). By this amendment, the drawings, specifically FIG. 1, have been revised. In addition, the specification has also been amended to address the objections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

With respect to the abstract, Applicants have revised the abstract to incorporate the Office's suggestion.

With respect to the Office's suggestion regarding the specification, Applicants thank the Office for providing information about recommended section headings. However, Applicants respectfully decline to add the headings. Section headings are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a), but per 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(d) are only guidelines that are suggested for Applicants'

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use. See *Miscellaneous Change in Patent Practice*, Response to comments 17 and 18 (Official Gazette, August 13, 1996) [Docket No.: 950620162-6014-02] RIN 0651-AA75 ("Section 1.77 is permissive rather than mandatory. ... [T]he Office will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 1.77").

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctively claim the subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, although Applicants have amended those claims to make them more definite. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Kwon et al. (US 6,235,552 B1). Applicants submit that the pending claims are not anticipated by the above reference and thus respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Specifically, with respect to claim 1, the claimed invention includes, *inter alia*, "forming the conductor pattern (4) and the insulating layer (3) on a flexible foil (6), wherein the flexible foil (6) originally comprises a conductive layer and an electrically insulating layer[.]" as recited in claim 1. Applicants submit that Kwon et al. do not disclose, *inter alia*, this feature of the current invention. In Kwon et al., the manufacturing begins with a chip pad 104 and a passivation layer 106 on a silicon wafer substrate 102. See col. 3, lines 37-46 and FIG. 5. There is no disclosure of "a flexible foil" that originally comprises a conductive layer and an electrically insulating layer.

Further, there is no disclosure of "forming the conductor pattern" and "the insulating layer" on such an flexible foil.

In addition, the claimed invention includes, *inter alia*, "detachably securing the flexible foil (6) to a substrate (7) on the side of the conductor pattern (4)[,]" as recited in claim 1. Applicants submit that Kwon et al. do not disclose, *inter alia*, this feature.

In view of the foregoing, Kwon et al. fail to teach each and every claimed limitation and thus fail to anticipate the current invention. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claims 2-3, 5 and 8-10 are dependent upon claim 1. Applicants submit that those dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons stated above, as well as for their own additional features.

Applicants appreciate that the Office allowed the subject matter of claims 3 and 5. New independent claims 11 and 12 combine the allowable subject matter of claims 3 and 5, respectively, with the allowable subject matter of claim 1.

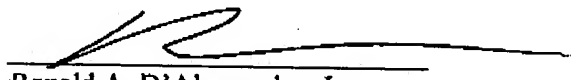
Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.
Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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